

Docket No. F-8184

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Masanori NONOMURA, et al.  
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For : **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING A  
MULTI-FIBER POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING  
FIBER ASSEMBLY**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows:

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**IN THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title to read as follows:

**--APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING A MULTI-FIBER**

**POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING FIBER ASSEMBLY--**